SHAKER COLLECTION

Item 353 b

Poem and notes re mob of 1817 and other matters

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It was in July 1817 when the
Jonathan Davis mob was
here & he was shot by K M.
Rainey in the Courthouse
yard I shot down the house
the house was burned I un-
observed had taken into
the West Woods & when
K M preached twenty 2
hours from the top of the
cadaver on the house yard
or ever trough ...

I guess about 60 kegs

The first gathering of the
people of this village
would ever bring [illegible]
for a sense of gratitude
& obligations
to their Mother Church
at New Lebanon &
their parents in the gos-
pel & be sent to bear
them the news of salvation
from [illegible] & this mission to
them in their every need

The first
gathering of the
people of the united
States after the
war will always
be regarded
as a solemn
occasion in the
history of the nation
and obligation is laid
upon the
citizens of this
community
to meet
worthily
the

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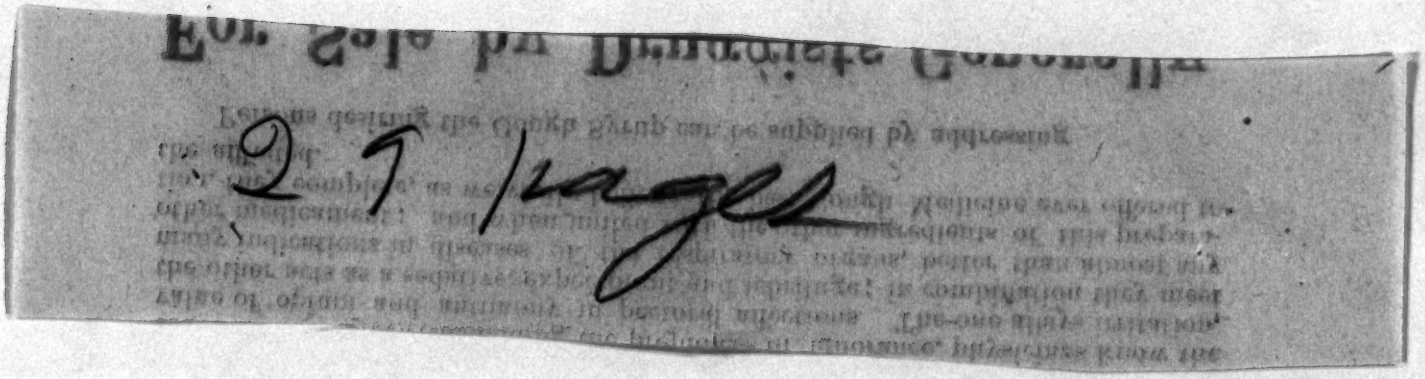
resurrections by Richard H. Dana
commencing on page 1162 ending 1274



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"The promise I gain'd of her future presence
Was to my heart what we read of sweet incense
And shortly a place in the woods I had bought
And built us a house for the comforts we sought
"I was not working for the brethren here then
Much better for me if I only had been
And in this temptation been counsel to shun
The life of our Saviour this world to and fro
"The Will of his Father in all things to do
From which obedience his fruitions drew
In the true likeness of the Father to grow
And kept him above the vain shadows below
"For whom Christ's example the followers are
The same endless peace does the Father prepare
This from Richard learn'd meant our passions to bind
Whose inspiring order enrapture'd my mind
"Revolving with others the treasures of light
The kingdom of heaven and its glorious height
Then turn'd every impulse in me to the right
And wafted my thoughts to the beautiful height"

" " "

Susanna's father he talked to her long
His arguments were on the Shaker life strong
Told many incidents the brethren about
Who ne'er said or did what he ever could doubt
As deviating from the faith that they preach'd
Which gift of salvation they to others reach'd
Now one of these men's sins related of old

Susanna. She tells of a hard winter's cold

"Journey to Buerr

Richard McStamar Issachar & Benjamin T
The warmest apparel they had wrapped in
Provision in knapsack to last them the route
Their anticipied trust when they started out
"January sixteenth eighteen hundred nine
Through the wilderness unfrequented to twine
Their feet in untrodden path to Buerre
That lay near the Wabash's hoarse roaring flow
"Richard tall athletic discerning and fair
In stature erect had wiry coal black hair
His clearest blue eye it seemed had a look
As though from sublimity radiance took
"His features and mein were commanding in mold
In service for right was unswervingly bold
Yet more was his pref'rence for out witting sway
And thus gain his victories in peaceable way
"Issachar shorter plump per light hair
With humorous blue eyes and schemes sporting there.
In every extremety had a way out
Was ready and active and daring and stout
"One living expression his whole being seemed
For vigorous mind and for tact was esteem'd
Ever studdied for answer when opposers came
Had one on his tongue of appropriate name
Issachar Baker & Benjamin L Young

Besides had a cunning they could not out vie
And would be compelled with him to comply
"But Benjamin S Young had the charms of a Queen
Such as in poetical lines we have seen
(Illumin'd in splendors of genious and wit
But mostly to dazzle that seemed to set)
"I low'd sweetly his words as the organ its notes
Mild kindled his face as the fair beam that floats
Its lengthening ray the quivering aspen through
Past hist, nice inspiringly bringing to view
"In form and in feature shar'd nature's best art
And college and study refined his heart
Because of his delicate beauty was ripe
That he was a woman and Isaachar's wife
"By wicked opposers at hard in demand
As Coventry's Earl call'd "rough as Calavi's hand"
His suff'rings akin to Godeva's is true
For good of the people his suff'rings were two
"The coarse ruffians handled him at through a field
To his fine objections determined smil'd
"Soon from Union Village three brethren wended
To Bullerue on the journey intended
To meet gospel friends there in union and love
And feast on the treasures that come from above
"Soon after departure there came sudden thaw
Their rivers and their branches made dang'rous flow
Most near seventy miles in their explore
In the barren wilderness yet them before

"And rain it set in and the waters rier flow'd
Beyond what in yeare to the trav'ler had shown'd
And no track of man no track of beast they saw
But rain from the clouds and below them the Thaw.
"I see floating along mongd in troublesome fleet
Annoying the pulk's ring of their pitching feet
While the wind with the rain came in blinding sheet
And drenching their clothing in their pace meet
"And these present rains all the waters revir'd
As trains to the depot in the flood they div'd
And trembled and rocked the trees uprooted
And by smaller craft their voyage recruited
"On the spreading breast of that raging flood
That dredged the wood lands and thinned the mud
And then on their future what dangers enseu'd
The waters had raised till no land was view'd
"The rivulets swollen rushed leap'd and dash'd
Adown the hill sides knowle and embankments crash'd
As seeking the onward impetuous course
Of the bearing off flood in terrible force
"Uniting themselves to the main sweeping tide.
On which their awakened currants might ride
The streams through the valleys did seemingly try
To rise to the summits the scene to decry
"When on the frontier were detained awhile
Till the Laurentian cold waves rolled down in file
Some provision still left forward they venture'd
On the fifth morning the desert they enter'd

"But the hardships awaiting yet in the way
Foreboded the perils before them that lay
Through tedious mud they waded and slower
The rain for two days not abating an hour
"The low marshy flats which they deemed the worst
Were next on the distance appalling to burst
All overflowed from rivers deep and wide
As waterpools even seem - there on the glide
"Soft miry hillsides they marched up and down
Slipping and sliding from the base to the crown
With sore aching feet and shrunk blistered hand
Till near Mis ka Ratac they came to a stand
"There for sudden change of the weather they pray'd
On their bended knees supplications they made
They pray'd that violent cold might fill the breeze
So that solid ice on the waters would freeze
"The great Mis ka Ratac 'peared like stormy lake
In its length in its breadth and watery shake
Six miles to the compass all like an ocean
By the late floods agitated commotion
"And by divers efforts they sought ways to find
Its surface to cross Then its margin to wind
Their wearried steps But defeated return'd
Though change in the weather already discern'd
"For the rain had ceased save gentle shower
The eather filling with zephs pierce power
And soon the trees glistened in crystal sleet
Then smifter their movements to save their damp feet

"To wait for the frost they encamped at length
It worked on the march by ice to give strength
And on the next morning when walking around
Discovering a turkey a fox gladly found
"The fox it departed in hastiest scare
The remnants of the prize they took for their share
They dress'd it and smok'd it and had a good meal
And for this provision most thankful did feel
"And there they remained two days and two nights
And for more provision each stomach invites
Because they were pinched with hungers control
And vaunted the majestic waters their roll
"But on the third morning they again ventur'd
However dang'rous their trust above centur'd
"Twas in a snow storm and their feet soaking wet
They builded a raft and the dreaded stream met
"No their icy pavement for six miles they trod
And last on their vision became the earth's sod
While like roaring thunder loud cracking around
Were sleet frozen trees in the winds rending sound
"Amid evening shades of that bitter night
The whiten'd shore reached with their utmost might
A shelter selected where thick trees crowded
Which the snow and the sleet overhead shrouded {blow
"Keen whistling winds chilly and searching died
Upon their refreshment and melted snow
Of their provision they had eaten the last
About them for more in vain were their eyes cast

"But trusted That God whom Elijah had fed
In The wilderness with The wild ravens bread
And on The snow Their home made blankets They square
Then Kneeling in confidence asking in pray'r
"That God in his mercy would protect them there
That God who had given The faith They revere
And in whose commission believed They were
That same heavenly Father would for them prepare
"Lay close on Their blankets each other to warm
Slept soundly till morning without meeting harm
"The towering knobs next morning ascended
With The northern breeze to Their faces bended
Thence roamed The hills and The ice crackling vales
The wind Through The trees breaking sorrowful wails
"Then onward They travel'd The three in a band
Till up to The White river's convulsive strand
On The fourteenth morning quite early this was
And Their sorest trial They fear'd This would cause
"Then viewing The river all floating in ice
Each look'd to The other for planning advice
While yet undecided about what to do
A canoe They espied and a good canoe
"And beyond expectation came friendly hand
Which conveyed them over to his own land
Where a hearty welcome and kindness receiv'd
And were from Their painful sufferings reliev'd
"With long hunger faint and benumbed were They
And There after said no language could portray

The deep gratitude that was to him deservid
Who risk'd his generous life and them preservid.
"At length by rest and care and nourishing food
With fresh animation their journey pursuid
Until the next fork of the same river wide
On the following morning at dawn they descriid
"Of ice and water twenty furlongs before
Were mingled and clashing in one great uproar
But cautiously over that currant were set
Them forced a passage till the shore they met
"They then knew their greatest afflictions were past
And breasted with courage the furious blast
Of the [raging] tempest scattering trees brough
And delving the waters as furrowing plow
"Scarcely thirty miles yet to travel remain'd
They are rising mountside the distance had gain'd
And the joyful meeting to tell would be hard
With their dear children satisfying reward {toil
"And made rich amends for their suff'rings and
For these they had gather'd to the Bosom anil
Born of their souls in the regeneration
And nearer to them than natural relation

"Concerning the relation that Paul held dear
The "children of his soul" it is mention'd here"
Observed the father repeating a line
Of a hymn of Richards * on this theme in rhyme
* M'Lemar

By their unlucky victim led
Twelve strokes of the clock told the hour
When they came like wolves to devour
And when in the darkness had left
Six dollars 'twas found was their theft

"It was a rainy drizzly night
Isaachar's horse took sudden fright
And further refused the road
The money saddle bags the load
Turn'd the beast to the woodle his head
And through the dreary forest sped
'Twas learn'd the thieves had waited the street
Waiting for Isaachar to meet

"When rushing in his room had come
Swore of the falseness and him not home
When went where he lay on his face
In the bed of the absent ones place
Feigning asleep him pounded sore
But failing to silence his snore
Meanwhile cursing about old Bates
Their hatred his delay creates"

Susanna was call'd now and left him alone
When she reappeared her father was gone
But some days afterward returned again
Narrating events on the previous strain

And devinely wrend the channels of mind
Of Susannias father and prueiful the wind
To more than each mouth some eventful career
Came up to his mind as then did appear
One of these narratives Susanna selects
That her interests as she slowly inspects
And tries to repeat as perception devines
The substance that rests in her unskilled lines

II

"An Expidition against the Shakers"
Was termid the largest mob in the newspapers
Twenty seventh of August eighteen hundred ten
Consisteing of more than five hundred armid men
"Equipid in a body of uneform gay
As meletary orders drilled display
From Cincinnati and Hamilton west
Procured were officers thought of the best
"But th. scheme was divulged before the event
And throughout the country like "wild fire" went
On the coming Sabbath ere th. mob was to move
Spectators to meeting came in a large drove
"And influential sensible men were there
Who for right and justice would rather declare
And returnid to witness the scene the next day
Before came the mob in procession display
"From state of Kentucky of these were (2) Conneal
From state of New Jersey two doctors genteel
Colonel Manley from south of Cincinnati

And hundreds besides who were anxious to see
"Reports in the morning in brevier took wing
And from every quarter the tidings did bring
That violent measures were threatened would be
But the Shakers went about their work quietly
"Francis Dunlavy first circuit judge of the state
Was on Shaker ground ere his breakfast he ate
"Unlawful proceedings to there counteract
Should the mob in its rage the brethren attack
"About eight o'clock fresh messengers landing
Told that the troops were assembled and standing
At Captain Kilbreathe and the officers' names
And that they heard there loud patriotic acclaims
"At length doctor Bradgely to meet them went out
Some others accompanied him in the route
And near twelve o'clock to inform they returned
That the troops were mounted and moving they learn'd
"In less than an hour would be on the spot
But further proceedings they ascertain'd not
The people now gather'd to hear them in crowds
The arm of Jehovah seem'd reach'd in the clouds.
"At just one o'clock the looked troops appear'd
By the Dayton road from the north in they veer'd
Approach'd the diocese until came the front
Where was designated to begin the hunt
"At the meeting house and there call'd a halt
Where they had arranged to make an assault
The troops show'd impatience now in their equip

So eager were They The old Shakers to whip
"By word of Their officers ready for blow
Who wore epaulets highly honors to show
And now it was said That the mob had increased
Up to two Thousand suspected at the least
"And besides the five hundred disciplined troops
Were seen armed men in military suits
Mottling in the multitudes unsettled hive
Exhibiting Cain in The world yet alive
"With Knives guns and hatchets came diversified
And poles or sticks on which bayonets were ply'd
Afoot and on horse back in hand club and slave
Still ejaculating The vengeance They crave
"With Their strained voices high These battle signs
Were raised in the air in their pell mell lines
To th impending center direction bending
Through thick clouds of dust from hoofs ascending
"Gray headed grandfathers and young boys were seen
Amid The scenes of alternate heads between
Men in realms prime and men in morning bloom
Alike for Themselves strove and precious room
"Duplicities horror now was presented
But was discerned The motives intended
And by The wisest it Was thought plainly seen
That a Divine agency did intervene
"When noblemen to Captain Kellbreath's were sent
On Friday demanding what The mob movement meant
From Lebanon The counties ~~jail~~ judgment seat

And there these assembled that would meet with defeat
"Any vindictive or dangerous advance
And this it was thought held in scabbard the lance
J. Collet's was went then the States Attorney
And with him Mc Cray performed the journey

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Captain Kilbreath and his Officers
"Now it was agreed to chose a committee
To state proposals in the name of the party
And then to receive and return their answers
The Yankies meaning or first Eastern Elders
"The troops stell a hault at the meeting house gate
Came forward the committee filled with debate
And faced the yard of the dwelling house where
Across from the Church where stationed to fight"
"The three original men (came from strong lungs)
John Meacham Issachar Bates Benjamin Youngs
We call to come out in order to confer
With us on the occasion of this great stir
"Of the people encompassed on this soil
Whence rumors arise making grievous turmoil
The victors trophy in this expedition
Will be the laurel of righteous conviction"
"Benjamin S Youngs quickly came to their call"
"Of the invited brethren I am now all"
(Said glancing down street on the multitudes heads
As restless as the butterflies' wing over them spreads")
High Sheriff

"Two others will do in their stead If you please
We'll take Matthew Houston and Deacon Pease
Dunlavy Ir. Judge Genival Coleman R J Cornin Esq.
Went with the brethren as they did desire
"Allowing that six too many would not be
To meet the twelve number'd in their committee
The party objected to the out side friends
For the three brethren chosen only contends"
"Have you any objections to by standers"
Said Judge Dunlavy (aware of their slanders)
Alluding to himself and those then with him"
"Yes" ejaculating with retorting vim
"To go to the woods the committee appris'd
Down in the house had the brethren advis'd
Yet still those persisted as they had begun
That their business must in the forest be done
"And unreasonable as was this request
That the three brethren only should meet them lest
There might be present in the conferance those
Who would serve as witness 'gainst what they'd propose
"The brethren followed as sheep to be slain
On past their dwellings and garden and grain
Their Maple camp entered and rov'd in its shade
Rode up the chief speaker "Be seated" he bade
"Commanding in figure and ruddy of face
Was this reverend Wallace a pulpit could grace
And who hemmed now with significant air
Preparing his voice the result to declare

DeKALB

"On one side was twelve with their symbols of might
On the other side three with nought but truth's light
The one by its numbers felt sure of its prey
The other that Jehovah ruled the day
"Dunlavy the Judge of the Court and some friends
Now over the Speaker unpleasantness sends
Whose eye in the flash of its glancing around
Discovers the Judge and his friends hither bound
"With touch of his whip and shrug of his shoulder
The present 'mergency making him bolder)
"Abruptly began and thus forced his way"
What is the conclusion I'll briefly portray
In the name of the people will now relate"
("He met call'd the people in his nervous state
And took drawn apart to the edge of the wood
Where th Judge and his company laughingly stood")
"That Shaker modes of life grievances create
Old systems establish'd ready to debate
As are erroneous and can renovate
And their strange doctrines and principals of late
"Have been very active to disseminate
House holds ent'ering husbands and wives to unmate
These things have sorrowful disturbances caus'd
And must be extinguesh'd" he said and then pause'd
"The Speaker now added" "These will undermine
Civil society which should not decline
Will subvert religion our holy ensign
Debar from the spirit fruitions divine

"Our Savviur's precepts we are bound to uphold
And as true disciples for right should be bold
And when spoilers come the flocks to devour
Then should the Shepherds exert their whole power.
"A pecceniary system too is yours
Which the common worker in anguish endeures
It leads to oppression cruel and severe
Its delusive standard no longer shall rear
"For bondage as freedom it make to appear"
"Thus were the brethren addressed emphatic and clear
By th Rev'rend Wallace whom audiences hear
Had a congregation himself to revere
"The speaker now tried to insinuate
That in a capacity was to abate
The committee and perhaps it might prevent
Some fatal designings of cruel intent
"Hinting 'round and about of what might be done
Going so far as to say that blood might run
"For were the people resolved on redress
And that prompt concession and that nothing less
The inflamed Statis could deter 'gainst them bent.
And their safest way would be ready consent
"To terms as the voice of the people proposid
The issue at point now'd be fully disclosid
And then if not found inclined to comply
Milelary weapons the people might try"
("In one moughing bay the Speaker perspired
With the pierce ire that his eye balls fired

Because of Dunlavy's Then nearing approach
Lest he and his friends on their plans might encroach)
"The terms of the committee" "now faster said
Should promptly and concisely fore them be laid
The only terms were the following on which
The peoples wrath could be stay'd in its high pitch

"First

"That James Watts children deliver'd should be
To their grand father to which he did agree
The father of the children ere his decease
So to their grand father they must them release"

Brethren

"The mother in whose care the children are plac'd
To us seems best fitted maternally trac'd
To rear up her children in th way they should go
We deem it her business to know how they grow"

Committee

"That the said James Watts this agreement did make
Ere his latest thread of existence did break
With his dear father for his children concern'd
So it was alledged as they fully learn'd"

Brethren

"Enquired these then if it was recorded
That James Watts the father had thus it 'corded'
Over his childrens intelligent mother
To give them away ever to any other"

Committee

"Answered the Committee that it was not

Revered though it was not a made up plot
By friends of the father no doubt could be prov'd
That when at death summons was thus inly mov'd"

Brethren

"That not in their possession the brethren said
They could not give nor favor the scheme then laid
Concerning the mother and her childrens well fare
They exercis'd no restraint over her care

"But that might be seen the mother and children
Were sure by any two or three civil men
And if willing then she is with them to part
They'd not in the least try to hinder their start
"Should they be persuaded and Taken away
Or force on the smallest defence they would lay
(But well knew the brethren how good and how true
Was the clear vision that open'd to his (*) view
"In his last sickness and how that he preached
With face illumined and arms outstretched
Declaring the kingdom of God was with man
Encompassing earth and the heavens in span
"And that redeem'd angels in beauty all bright
Saw radiant in love dispensing pure light
And pray'd that his family might enter the way
Of the effulgence of the clear living way

"And also when struggling through life's outer clay
Appeared the Millennial dawn to judge K

(*) James Watts this husband and father

Father to th mother of James Watt's offspring
Who called his family around him in ring
"And telling them then that he saw in vision
Between flesh and spirit would be division
And that all of his household when it should come
Would not reject it but to make for it room
"That his highest hope and his most fervent pray'r
And he in the conflict with them would be there
For he in their glory saw he had a place
And could be triumphant all sin to erace
"In many visions was reveal'd at the first
When mightiest power on the "New Lights" burst
That Christ's Second coming was nearly at hand
When no evil ever before him could stand)
"The evidence becoming so strong and clear
That James Watt's Children were destined here
The committee at length evaded the claim
And then commenced in another man's name"
(Committee) "Second
"That William Beadle be permitted to see
(He the first Elder of the Presbytery)
His little grandson from him lately parted
Sobbing and crying as though broken hearted
"For when to his grandfathers his feet made track
'Gainst his inclination he was forced back
By the father's authority and severe
And sight of the boy would his grandfather cheer

Brethren

"That the child was under its own parents' care
Replied the brethren definite and fair
Explaining the incident as did appear
When heard of in which they did not interfere
"And that they controled not the parents' right
Over their children but deemed it quite
Sufficient for parents this burden to take
And proper examples of themselves should make
"The boy under notice no doubt could be seen
That nothing to their thought need intervene
To school he was going when that tramp he took
And now is or should be in school at his book
"This grandfather's petition was also dropped
Another interested one to adopt
"Twas valiant Colonel Smith of Kentucky state
Which the committee commenced to narrate
"That doubtless the brethren were well informed
Of the circumstances wherein were harmed
The aristocratic mother of two boys
In her rightful defence the Colonel employs
"The aid of the law and set firmly his stake
To get his grandchildren for their mother's sake
That these her two eldest sons which the father took
In her heart made a void that she could not brook
"Then answered the brethren that the two boys were
Entirely under their own father's care
But they were now in the authorities' hands

As a suit in court Their grand father commands
"That These boys father and beautiful mother
By mutual consent divorced each other
The father that he might his new faith obey
And she to pursue still The better known way
And that Their Children were even divided
On The two youngest The mother decided

"Wm James Smith junior was a young prosperous man
He came to Their some business to plan
When it had enacted and started for home
A boy an acquaintance to him merry come
"Persuading him stop and a day or two spend
And one of The "Revival" meetings attend
To hear The three strangers among The "New Lights"
Preach Their kind of doctrine of freedom and rights
"Next day being Sabbath concluded to stay
His horse riding double They two took Their way
The following morning Through The woods soft clay
Could at a mile distance hear The people pray
"Arrived at The meeting heard The Shakers preach
Issachar and Benjamin his sermon each
"John Meacham The elder no man could withstand
So noble so tender so fatherly grand
Admiring The merit that to James belong'd
Clear seeing he never had any one wrong'd
"His life record viewing which he could behold
James felt with The past did The future unfold

"Not all the flattery of his former days
Could equal the evidence of elder Johns praise
The richest brought treasures which the world possess'd
Compar'd in small value to that James impress'd

"A sense of all bless in a oneness of soul
With elder John Meacham was gaineing control
When into thought springeing what ever him had stole
And of his home int'rests rejected the whole"

"When God claims our service we should not rebel
Imparting his blessing I bid them fare well"

"To James said the elder on horse turn'd for home
Through savage wat'rd wilderness pathless to roam

"James never had swore had never blasphem'd
Would have been alarmed if such he had dreamd

"But Satan came on and entered his breast
Had him in full power it was manifest
So swelled with his imps James talked out loud
While over the horizon crept night in sky cloud

"And said Polly the fairest in all the land
The coveted prize of so many a hand
Would he give up Polly and three Shakers join
With one hundred and forty and four thousand to shine

"He would not be parted from Polly through time
So not to be a King in the heavenly clime
For give up his children so dear to them both
Relieving himself in a terrible oath
For for a place appointed at Gods right hand
Could he be indueged to accept such demand

"More and more wicked became as he went
More desperate th, oathe from his guileless lips sent
"Twas two in the morning when home he had rode
And gladly enter'd his domestic abode
He slept very soundly the breakfast delay'd
Until in the kitchen his presence was made
"And when he appeared all rested and bright
His wife irresistably screamed with fright
Such hair she'd fancied my man ever had
Save that which the head of young Absolom clad
"Large as silver dollars in round spots and white
Was James's head pided on his awful sight"
"I'll tell you now Polly" he said all subdued"
"Tis on your account I am judgment pursued"
"Relating the incident previously told"
"I shall join those Shakers our God has controld'"

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"James Smith was the elder" Susanna now said
In the Childrens family while there she stay'd
Also the school teacher and had the first charge
Of the business transactions there small and large
"At first introduction" "The L's were his Rein"
"He said to Susanna which pleas'd her within
"He lived till his age dated near ninety years
With never an acquaintance but him revered
The wisest and meekest and kindest of all
If hurt a childs feelings th reproof would recall)

"And now for the present the committee said
This perplexid engrossment be no further led
"And briefly plead Wallace time not to retard
The next proposition might seem to them hard
This weightiest matter began then to state
Which troubled the people so often of late
Namely
"That they cease their principles to inculcate
Which calls to their rear irreverence and hate
The ignorant allureing and weak minded
As the spider the fly in its web winded
"That they cease to practice their manner of life
Denouncing their structure on husband and wife
And quit their queaint dancing on the Sabbath days
Averse to the gospel were counted such ways
"Or out of the country depart by the first
Monday in December next or else might burst
The pent up fiery wrath of the peoples hate
And could not determine how might be their fate
"By the committee these were the terms proposed
And in the name of the people were disclosed
If they were acceeded to then it was well
If not ware delivery might mid them shall"
Brethren
"In wieling" the brethren requested them now
While over their heads Rimmid the shade of the bough
To state their proposals so they could be read"

But paralyzed Wallace that what had been said
"Concerning their proposals was short and plain
And easily remember'd and need not claim
Elaborate requirements in the case
'Twas unnecessary to note in such place"
"As th. proposals were short" Benjamin repli'd
"Is no reason why our request be deni'd"
"But pointedly this the committee repeat'd
But their own agreement they had now abus'd
"In answer one hour they had agree'd on
But nearly two hours of time now were gone
Benjamin this to the committee did state
And that for an answer it was then too late
"And the brethren left them and started for home
The committee following after them come
All winded along in the glimses of shade
The clouds and the sunshine brighten and fade
"Beside the rail fences they pass'd when they went
Two hours previous when unjustly sent
By the committee authoritative say
But now the three brethren had gain'd their own way
"Arrived at the house the mobic seeming bend
Was something in the street trying to attend
Ascending the stairs in a circle around
In the meeting room seated the family found
"Went down and invited to place in their rank
The judge Squire Comin and good general Shank

These went with the brethren and sat in review
And heard their reciële attentively through
"The brethren in presence of these noble friends
Whom the law abiding citizen defends
Stated the committees proposals and demands
And the answer they felt that justice commands
"And also relating wherein that they felt
The committee had with them not fairly dealt
In the first instance unreasonable it was
And in particular that unjust because
"Of not allowing at the conference any
Person present when against them were many
Who to unlawfulness as witness might stand
Iniquitous proceedings to countermand
"And the absurdity of grand fathers too
Where children with parents would them pursue
Children at school by their parents placed there
Persist to have given up into their care
"The judge and his friends seemed much affected
And none of these reasonings were rejected
And though they said nothing appeared interested
And in their consciences justice was vested
"And after the present assembly arose
The judge and general shook went down at the close
The honorable Littell* apart from the crowd
Of the zealous multitude high and loud
"One of the committee was doctor Littell

*Littell Littell

Three friends to him talked of the illegal
Proceedings of the day in feeling manner
And the consequences of the mobs clamor
"At the expiration of the time appointed
The brethren then Doctor Little informed
(While revengeful threatenings pierced their ears
Mingled with uproarous maledictions there)
"That they would go at requested to the same place
In the woods as before the committee to face
The answer to deliver as was agreed
In a free country their fathers had freed {heart
"And then they returned through the swelling
Their ready answer prepared to repeat
And entered the place where they were before
The sun brightly sailing in western sky o'er
("And there stood Benjamin in raiment all neat
In beauty of feature and bearing complete
Reminding of pictures they paint of Our Saviour
But nier wholly seated with the endeavor
"They paint him as man because of his gender
In lineament trace ruler woman splendor
His nameless enchantment gave Benjamin grace
To turned to friends at the charms of his face
"This delineation where never was seen
Seen is in the "Glory of the man" ever been
A transparent innocence speaking within
Where man's admiration does the first begin

"There Peter Pease with flaxen hair fine and soft
And azure eyes as in prayer raised aloft
A heart that the burdened could ever solace
Though his was a solemn and burdened face
"Enduring was he about medium size
A man to whom ever the wanting applies
For he had an ear that could listen to need
A heart that with bread would that multitude feed
"Mathew a father in nature and church care
And who for the erring would offer up prayer
A heart which no vengeance did ever declare
And for others comfort and joy could prepare
"Of ruddy complexion humorous and fair
With golden and tendrel finest curling hair
Depending his neck temples and forehead clear
'Neath a hat so large none other could wear
"Two hundred and fifty 'twas said was his weight
Not taller than Peter in traveling gait
Light blue were his eyes and magnetic and deep
Could always minister and yet something keep
"In Old Virginea was a circuit preacher
And friendship he won by word and demeanure
Though the highest college in that state he toil'd
Left there reputation for scholar unfold'd
"And Benjamin deliver'd his full answer
At the break of his voice was a restless stir
Amid the committee attentive and keen

Their destinies success was visibly seen")

Brethren Namely First

"Respecting the children called for to day
Enforcing from home and their parents away
Rebellion engaging to parental sway
We feel on that subject we've no more to say

"Adding that all adults among us are free
And that to our principles 'tis contrary
Any one to oppress by human decree
Or retain in bondage in any degree

Second

"Respecting our faith in the gospel we hold
For which all the world with ills more we've sold
'Tis dearer than our lives and all we have lost
And mean to maintain it at whatever cost

"And as for our leaving the country would say
These forests fast rooted in imbedded clay
Our grain fields we've eyeled you see in survey
Our orchards and gardens in their even lay

"Are our own possessions for which we have paid
Our quota to fill us have not been afraid
To do each full duly in just ballance weighed
By honest industry this home we have made

"It is our endeavor in no manner to owe
We have not a cent of another we know
Our blessings of industry God does bestow

We feel his near presence wherever we go
"And we are entitled to our liberty—
The laws of our country to us guarantee
Our peaceable grounds in a country that's free
And liberty of conscience entirely
"Throughout our possessions enjoyment we find
In God's chosen vineyard to His will resigned
Believe our Creator this domain designed
For those consecrated in body and mind

"This was the answer or nearly the same

"And when the committee were sitting at first
And were their objections relating the worst
"Those things said the brethren were misrepresented
They were by prejudiced persons invented
"What they were accused of did not exist
And such false reports better had be dismissed
If they had done wrong willingly would concede
Of the concourse of people there was no need
"Through examination object not to pass
By judicious persons apart from the mass
The laws of the country for grievances made
Provision for redresses ample they said
"By Wallace to this the committee replied
Those means prescribed for redress were denied
The people would not be contented to wait

For lengthy processes the day growing late"
"And adding" "That they had evidence enough"
"In sight at the end of this word Bold and rough
Came herded and noisy and weapon in hand
Some of the most portly in threatening band
"Though solemnly had the committee agreed
To suffer or admit no one to proceed
Within certain limits while the conference held
Yet these when approaching they were not dispell'd
"But 'round the committee in turns sought to take
As witnesses their testimony to shake
In the accusation of the Believers
Where of could affirm that they were deceivers
"And closer and closer gathering with mien
Each after another his utterance strove
All useless and vague as the shadows that play'd
From moving their bodily exertions made
"When rising terrific to hear and to bear
Their vociferations of proofs to declare
And crowding and pushing for distinction there
The flit breezes shoulder'd the proofs as it were
"And bore them away to forgetfulness far
So injury to do no conscience to mar
And in the condemnation aimed to plead
Against the Believers they did not succeed
"Meantime this conference was in duration
At the meeting house was an inundation

Of rabid confusion if so we may speak
Of vitiperative hand strokes to wreak
"And were congregated for vengeance athirst
At the younger Believers' family first
The clapboarded school house their fiery wrath sought
Where sat a bright mother whom the children taught
"The premises' out concourse like bees without queen
In squads over the premises were to be seen
Spectators enquiring and stout armed men
Disputing were some others railing out them
"Some scattering falsehood and urging to prove
The Shakers again to their old worldly course
Or the propriety of banishing them
From the vicinity by violence or stratagem
"And women in fellowship of the baser sort
In the edge of the woods had taken resort
To help on the violence clapped their hands"
"Drive off the old Shakers" "their frantic commands
"As contagious vapors through the disorder paid'd
Were others inciting of the same low cast
That the children of Shaker parents be seiz'd
Although it their deluded Kindred displeas'd
"Men of good principles and talents were there
Who earnest for the right
for justice were wont to declare
Consederate realm'd in contesting those
Un christian means that the mob party chose

He put under guard till the said boy appears
Enduring the revilers insults and jeers
"N. apostates witnessing the good man abus'd
Knew the alledg'd punishment he had not us'd
And but that peace and good will had maintained
Wiv were from the east and in Christs precepts trained
"The boy with permission two miles to the north
Was at his uncles when this sentence came forth
Swift horses were saddled his

"What unconstitutional wholly it was
On their quiet rights to infringe without cause
Abiding the law they were citizens true
The censure deserved not the occasion drew
"Before the meeting house about three o'clock
In the sunny street pealed a thrilling shock
From a public speaker of the furious crowd
That broke through the air like a rent thunder cloud
"Proclaiming "Liberty" "At th. juncture" "for all"
"Aloft his hand raising exerting the call"
"With charges" gainst th. Shakers at once to come out"
"Them rushed with their statements small men and stout
"But regularly enter'd taken up were none
Except one against Anna Volentine 'lone
Upon th. deposition of two apostates
Of murder which increas'd resentment awakes
"Deposed when they with the Shakers abode
A pitty son hated he ⁂ very plain showed
And often whispered him and wished him dead
D. Mosely an elder two th. boy to whisp led
"Unmercifully both had whispered the youth
Both wished him dead averred for the truth
The boy had been missing they ventured to say
Was murder'd believed and put out of the way
"A headless corpse was instantly served
On Anna relentless as though 'twere deserved
⁂ Anna Volentine

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But peace and good will had the elders maintaind
Who were from the east there in Christs precepts traind
"The boy with permission two miles to the north
Was at his uncles when this sentence came forth
Swift horses were saddled his presence to seek
His father for himself allow'd not to speak

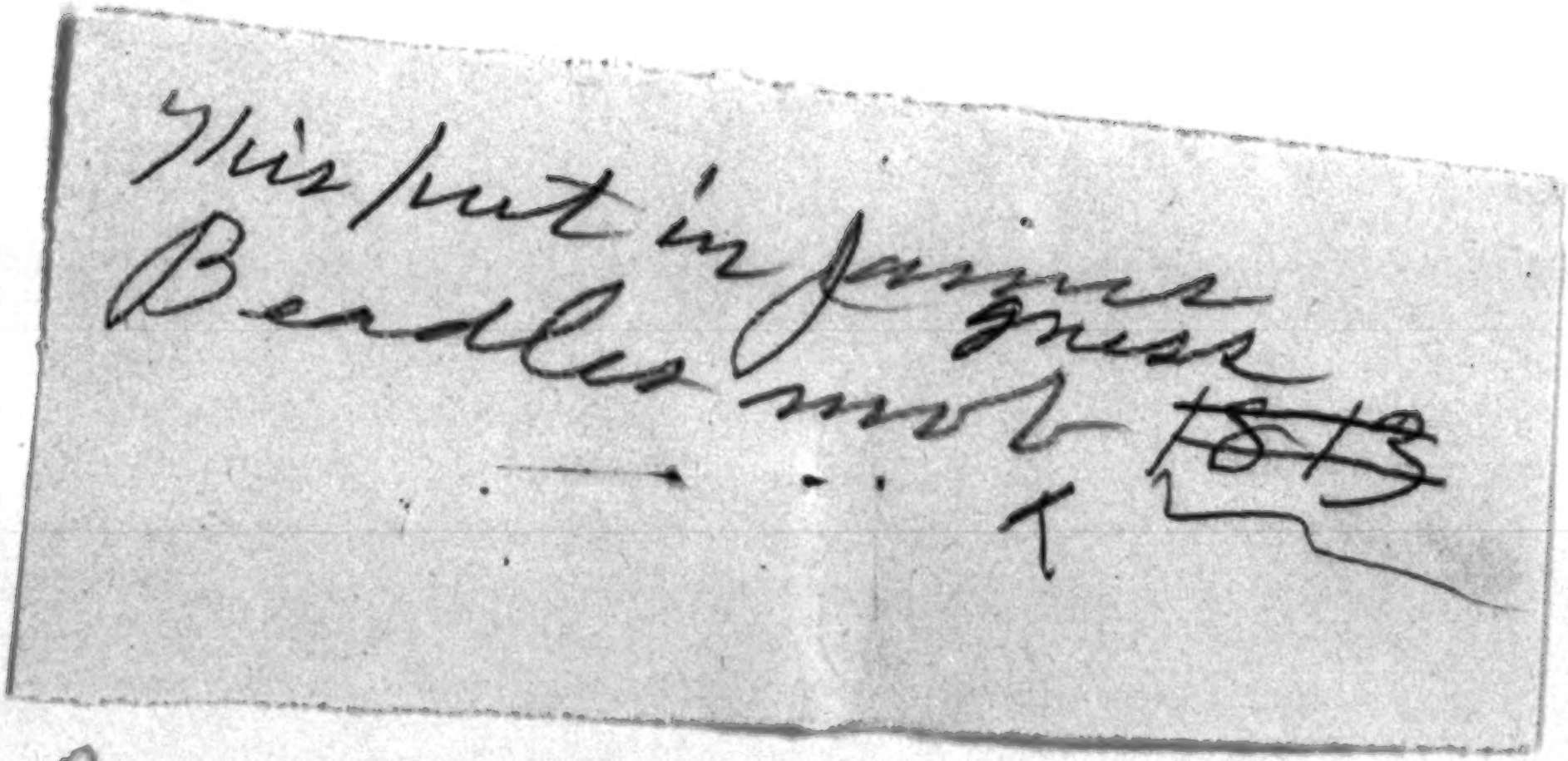
"Judge Dunlavy who the proceedings understood
Of the committee had follow'd to the wood
Was set on a log in the edge of the camp
Where signs of the sugar making season left stamp
"On ere comprehending their determin'd claim
Completely defeated in their former aim
This second time sitting kept himself in view
Five rods from their counsel to see the issue
"As soon as the brethren the committee had left
The angry spectators the dense forest cleft
With raisd voices piercing as sharp thunder claps
Because by intreguing had set their own traps
"Like Hammond of old for Mordica swung
The gallows through envy on which himself hung
(He has been the history of man ever since
That God rules with justice the peasant or prince)

"Yea soon as the brethren had started away
The Judge mounted instant his high iron gray
In their midst riding and proclaiming aloud"
"Attention" "to the boisterous rampant crowd
"A solemn injunction delivered strong
(Designing to calm the presumptuous throng
Who had collected the committee to hear
And often as they could to help interfere)
"The laws of their that none violate
And the civil officers to cognizens take
Of the conduct of any who should demonstrate
Intention the laws of the country to break

" " "

"The Judge and the brethren when having returned
What had been enacted in their absence learned
Sad witnessed what persecutors could do
The boy under notice was coming in view
"His corpulent body and pinkish clear skin
And eyes as the blue that the clouds curled in
Now slid from his horse that he held by the mane
His appearance an officer yells with high came
"To see the occasion for which he was brought
His love of affection in dear action sought
He sprang to his father and kissed his neck
The scum of opposers did then little reck
"And thence with his brothers took his place by age
One of the seven who would make pleasing page

The father was proud of his true noble boys
As stainless of soul as their fair faces poise
"Wealth had Annan and an honorable name
In outside society before here he came
And fondly intended that each of his sons
Should hold such position as election runs
"It was four o'clock when the boy came exact
Eyes turned to the judge His horse rein'd and back'd
Authoritatively silenced the scene
Rode resolute in separating between
"The friends of the pris'ner and those of his foes
His reputed firmness the convened knows
His voice o'er the gath'ring in full volume roll'd
In sentences which the companions enrol'd
"Of the detain'd pris'ner and partly accus'd
Already related as was about news'd
Condemn'd the rash measures which had been taken
Avowed the innocence of the two brethren
"The prisner release he ordered stern
The people to disperse as nothing could learn
Of any matter of investigation
Remain'd to be settled worthy narration
" " " " "
"Appeal excitement vindictive ensu'd
Kilbreath the mobic captain defiant and rude
With Dunlavy's orders refus'd to comply
Alledging that he was in office as high
"As the judge and the prisoner would not free



The bitterest invective contemptuously
Applies to the judge and his doings tradesce
His stubborn incentives all seemed let loose

" " "

"While there are entertaining if you'll look with me
Can a heroine unmistakably see
A Joan of Arch not with hair on the wind
But like her for courage and purpose destin'd
"While Susanna's husband was pierc'd at the sill
And her oldest brother beside him as still
Lay lifeless and slain'd in American gore
She spun'd and dragged them in on the floor
"While parents and Kindred mourned for the dead
She was employed running bullets of Lead
Compell'd her young brother with th slain escaping
To take his revenge in what she was making
"When finish'd she pushed him out a back way
To the fort with their bullets without delay
The enemies missiles were flying profuse
It grieved the parents another to lose
"The firing evaded and reached the fort
The bullets were needed so was his report
But scarcely alive was when ushered in
So frightening had his experience been
"For horses and wagons the country around
Soon after were scoured and most of them found
Susanna's Kinsmen on their horses were shot
near Cincinnati Not knowing for them in the Revolutionary war
These were hired by the government Lawless desperadoes to act in it

Th pressures mounting Scenes of horror had got

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"A sister ⁂ impress'd to the window quick steppes
Most precious to her is the faith she has kept
Espies a connection with jealousy stirr'd
To Benjamin S Young his way takes and heard
"From dissemenation inventing a plan
For cruel avenging on that Godly man
Disturb'd by his wife having Benjamin praid'd
Which rumor afloat his suspeccian had raid'd
"" "I was" "Kind Elder Benjamin" "always to those
The gospel he brought them They willingly chose
He joyfully speid to the penitent knock
And carefully tended each Lamb of the flock
"For this Kinsman's wife here to fore had been
The house of the elders cause he had been robb'd
Of his darling Children and loveliest wife
Though amically settled rekindes the strife
"" Her beautiful person distinction air drew
Her bright loyal spirit as beautiful too
This winning assension of body and soul
For conquering minister gave her control
"Her husband his faith had confess'd in the cause
And came with his family but after with drawe
The mother and Children desire to remain
His efforts to get them all proving in vain
⁂ Susanna Miller the same person spoken of above

"By mutual agreement at length it did conclude
That further objections he would not intrude
And manly consented to let them alone
Save occasional visits as others had done
"Kept punctual his pledge and reconciled seemed
For this condescension was noble esteemed
Till insinuations concerning his wife
By false accusers made desperate his life
"The first eastern brethren enjoyed her sweet wit
And would by the hour in her company sit
Perversely was hinted and next asserted
By those apostates and him had deserted
"With such ones counselling and wholly unbid
With concealed venom but not fully hid
To Benjamin S Young were steering their course
When hastened the sister preventing their force
"Bravely interposing she forbade them not
To touch the anointed on that sacred plot
Depending the elder with wrath and with will
They nearer approaching with threatenings till
"She clasped her cousin laid him on his face
And then on his back for a seat took her place
He pled for deliverance was tall and slim
Her lever of weight he believed crushing him"
"O Mrs Miller let me up for God's sake"—
But still unrelenting till promise would make
At each repetition the same answer made

Will you ever be caught in another such raid
"Two hundred and over her over despite
Respect of the attitude brought men and boys
At last came the answer which she did await
The incident did some amusement create
"She gladly releas'd him but watched him close
The color deep rippled her face as she rose
Expressiveness lighted her grayish blue eyes
With prayerfulness fill'd her look all implies
"Again on his feet found his horse and rode home
And never thereafter in such party come
And never there after molested his wife
No sorrow intending on her loyal life
"His comrades in evil did heartily laugh
And strolled away with bayonetted staff
O'er taken by others enjoying the mirth
But James* rode aside raking nought of the earth
"Large liquid blue eyes and an aqueline nose
The clearest complexion that nature bestows
Were his Twil'd his features resembling his woes
He is noble minded with all plainly shows"
"A good man reckoned" in memory known
He thinks to himself as he solemnly goes
Dishonor had never been attach'd to his name
For that days proceedings but little to blame
"An upbraiding conscience hard trying to down
He thought with his cousins encounter to drown

* William Beadle's son

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The humiliation in vividness stone
The imagery printing "Might better have done"
"Ahead darting frequent the scene come and went
Of that days experience unwisely spent
And penetent vowed that never again
Suspicion would harbour of her above stain

" " "

"To be apprehended and put in prison
The judge next ordered for Kilbreaths decision
But with sword and pistol Kilbreath being arm'd
The friends of Dunlavy were greatly alarm'd
"Kilbreath while devising the judge how to slay
The judge over ruling held him to obey
Already had been given the word of command
(The main body mounted with bridle in hand
"His umbrella waving had rode through and through
To quell the dissension the riot subdue
Had given his orders in peace to withdraw
And not violate in the least civil law)
"Post travelers were seen pursuing their ways
The sun still oppressive through lower his blaze
The air close and sweltering parched the road
And galloping horsemen in excited mode
"Ending Captain Kilbreath his eager steed spurr'd
On his hearers leaving unanswered word
Prick'd by his example they following fled
The "Main body mounted" "Which he'd mustered

{ street

"While other hordes dashing tumid south down the
Sedetious Broad blending with their horses feet
Till at the South Family calling a halt
Vindictiveness inward still brewing assault
"Saw brethren and sisters passing about
And one and another to them calling out
The brethren and sisters their work stopped not
Nor heeded the questions impertinent sought
"At length a ship officer called aloud
For all in the house to come out in a crowd
Sit on the green grass in a circle around
While they their proposals to them would propound
"But no one attempting at all to appear
In exasperation and wildness severe"
"The residents stubbornly have disobey'd
Official orders" "Major Robinson said
"Their interrogations answering neither
And rather and rather 'erming his manner
Continued his harrangue to this effect
That with the committee proposals select
"They now should comply or accede to remove
Out of the country (as related above)
By the first of December or else might prepare
To suffer the consequences brought to bear
"Then cri'd "Is not this the voice of the people"
"Which was indorsed in a hideous yell
While adding there to with their uplifted hands

To" "Full execute the committies demandd"
"Then loudly war shouted" "Throw open the gates"
"Which after some parley the bold undertakes
The mob swarming in till the dwelling surroundd
The rattle of bolt and of bar them resoundd
"For up to their junctions the doors open stood
And through them the brethren and sisters would
Pass and repass as their duty required
Their trust in providence safely inspired
"Remain'd on their horses although in the street
The company of riders waiting to meet
Another committee consulting to make
Another side issue to investigate
"Whom they wish'd to enter and close penetrate
For those kept in bondage unable to state
Their sadness to any who might set them free
As was current rumor all through the country
"Of the "nam'd" committee to give their minds rest
The inmates would grant them this special request
Of searching the house to ascertain whether
Were true those reports By civil behaviour
"To this they assented in reverent low
And then were admitted upon their own vow
Of something to eat and cold coffee partook
And then with two brethren the house went to look
"The committee were solemn during the search
Wore faces comparing with many at church

Till Mathew broke the stiffness by his keen remarks
And brought out their laughter by what he then says
"The garrets room closets and cellar look'd through
Express'd satisfaction entire with the view
Permission then ask'd the young sisters to see
Apart from the rest individually
"The meeting room Mathew for them selected
Led in the committee who them inspected
The first called forth was a keen glowing girl
The reddest her lips but prow Red curl
"Play'd ever their perfection when questioned by men
If she was contented her parents there then
She reddened deeper but fearlessly spoke
In the indignation her impulses woke"
"I live with my parents am under their care
And from them to roam would disdain anywhere
The worldly conditions their faith has not grown
Are too small for me I will let them alone"
"One whisper'd" "Such resolution is rare"
"Then wishing her ever the happiest fare
Said they on her time would not further intrude
The way back again to her equals pursued
"The second selected her classmates call'd "Bird"
Because so agreeable always prefer'd
With handkerchief covered her tender face
While with throbbing heart taking her order'd place
"She was sore abashed so piercingly scann'd

They drew her up closely by her trembled hand
And tenderly if she wish'd to leave
Assuring protection and need not to grieve
"With much difficulty could tell her own name
Their spirits instilling confusion and shame
Nor could she remember what she'd fix'd to say
Her bravest intentions seem'd wander'd away
"Repeated some hist, ry of what she had heard
And read of the world and the tears stopp'd her word
With kindly hand raised and laid on her head
Express'd satisfaction with what she had said
"And giving consent to return to her place
With" "Never a sweeter or lovlier face"
"I like my good home" "She now uttered free"
"Through time I will keep it and eternly"
"Of seven stout men th, committee consisted
A Major four Captains and others 'listed
Besides Mathew Houston and one other guide
To witnesses be on the Believers' side
"The third called up was a cherry brunet
With advancing step the committee calm met
The mother was feeble increasing her care
A woman's in youth her requirements were
"She thoughtfully after some questions returned"
"For all those conjectures I am not concern'd
I room with my mother both parents are here
I have a good home and a conscience that's clear
" Doctor Calvin Morrill's daughter Prudence

"Why should I exchange this for sins bitter fate
Its antagonisms and vexatious hate
Pay its costly wages that take me unto death
For death is its wages as the Bible saith
"For the worlds experience Why would you plead
Destined ever our well fare to mislead
O its cruel deals that my parents portray
Why would you persuade to the uncertain way
"Could I be induced to wander its plains
Through desolate wrecks into illusive banes
Could I take the shadows and leave the bright sun
That shows me the King dom the righteous have won

"When God liv'd in Adam and he liv'd in God
And for his sweet bread tilled the yielding sod
Before came the "Tempter" That severd the tie
Between Adams soul and his Maker on high
"Destroying the harmony 'tween God and man
Becoming depravd and altering Gods plan
The Holy Spirit shutting out from within
Because was conceived the nature of sin
"Producing a hunger can nier satisfy
Yet lessening by evil the capacity
Engendering enmity to his known light
Dented the pure presence was lost to his sight
"With his fellow man consequently the same
In harmony through his depravity came

Still furthering the distance of God's first plan
Man living in God He living in man
"His harmony banish'd of the former Law
The union by which God his children could draw
Again must be knitted by innocent birth
As man walk'd in Eden the Lord of the earth
"And now God has come to restore the pure way
And cleanse from the "Fall" in this great latter day
The sons and the daughters interveining through
The Fall of first Adam and his ways pursue
"Through good Mother Ann in vision who saw
The unjust, ury revealed of the broken Law
That from his Creator man losing "descent"
Anew could return and in spirit be blent
"In my father's wagon the three brethren stood
When first preach'd their gospel in this western wood
And read their long letter in which to reveal
A Savior had opened the "seventh seal"
"The former exhorter then screamed aloud
To warn all the people and take off the crowd
Lest they be converted by the sons of God
But held in God's hand was humiliation rod
"For him crying down the commissioned ones
The whole congregation each passing him round
Till he is deserted to a single soul
They'd hasten'd to listen to freedome enroll
"To Richard McNemar on stump for a stand

The brilliant Mc Lemar the first in the land
Yea Richard Mc Lemar whose truth instant caught
And preached their gospel as it they had brought
"From fresh hickory stump the tidings prolong
To hear the rapt vision the people past strong
Yea Richard Mc Lemar young valliant and strong
In eloquence showed the right from the wrong
"The scene magnifying till seemed to me
To glow the bright glories as wide as the sea
In his inspiration and spirit aflame
With radience Shined that I cannot name
"Leaned forward the audience lost in amaze
His transfigured visage meeting their gaze
The wilderness hushed to echo the sound
The thick timbered forest like thunder peals wound
"I felt that the heavens were coming to earth
In commemeration of the "Second Birth"
It was the artillery of heavens discharge
And signaled and rescued the "New Light" barge
"My father no longer could rest in the world
Thereafter the banner of light was unfurled
By the beloved Elders who came from the East
Declaring the power and reign of the "Beast"
"That by his dominion the saints were oppressed
Had by revelation been made manifest
And they the gospel of righteousness brought
The "pearl of great price" its true discipline bought

"As my father says and I know it is so"
"'Tis the way that makes equal the high and the low"
"Dispenses encouragement as we proceed
And ev'ry essential supplies that we need
"In fervent devotion to our mental sight
Appears what we know to be immortal light
Can't take of such food as our Saviour did eat
In this consecrated and peaceful retreat
"With parents and teachers ever ready to steer
To mansions where flashes no pistols nor spear
Paid by the first Elders some falsely assay
To be only like them would earnestly pray"
"The Major repealed" "You can let her stay"
At her demonstration :*: and looking away
And all the committee arose to their feet
And crossed the floor to the rest in their seat
"Each promptly affirmed that she was content
They were satisfied and from the room went
Said it was not needful them longer to wait
Desired no further to investigate
"But Mathew persuaded to the school they should go
To see if things rumor'd in that place were so
And that they should go to the "Young Order" that
Could throughout their premises take any view

:*: A stroke of her finger across her neck and saying that she would suffer execution sooner than renounce her faith
† Young Believer families

"While the committee in the house were engag'd
With terbulence were the outsiders engag'd
The young brethren witnessed fire coal hee'd
And steaming with courage to settle the mood
"Of some of the rabble who to satiate
Their perverted promptings on the aged Lake
Envenomed spite though weakened in sere
Armstretching their lashes and cutting severe
"But when a whip loaded on Morrell* back fell
And with imprecations of glad grinning yell
At seeing him totter and fall to the ground"
"The next one with whip rais'd will get equal wound"
"Exclaimed young Morrell he could not be bound
His pale father raising the blood streaming found
Them looked at Richard Mc Asmar who strove
To keep them away from the disturbing drove
(His father's crime being he would not dispute
Concerning his belief but kept himself mute
They trying to taunt him Old neighbor he'd serv'd
A "dumb devil" call'd him and lashing deserv'd).
"Turn'd Richard his head to indulge in a smile
Himself with the rest felt remembrance the while
Some went, misery moved the crowd and warned to beware
He knew not how much the young brethren would,

* Doctor Calvin Morrell

"A sturdy band they of at least thirty men
For strength and agility adequate then
To cope with the strongest that rambled the yard
Those in the street mounted had better regard

"" ""

"One hundred children the committee perceiv'd
On rising to their feet and nice courtesied
Then each look'd the row of its own classed feet
To see if all even and taking its seat
"New Testaments mostly holding in their hands"
"This is not at all as the mass understands
That you to the juvenile ever translate
These eminent lessons discussions oft make"
"They reach'd for the Testaments twirled their leaves
The genuine records their eyes undeceived
The bright witty teacher who quite penetrates
The most of their thinking intently awaits
"To ask them some questions they cannot expound
Though in their fingers were the passages bound
Her mind was as clear and as swift as a dart
Amusing to Mathew her ever to start
"She knew the whole Bible from last page to first
Had had ample leisure and its lore travers'd
The opposing preachers she handled like boys
When her stone of knowledge she on them employs
"Not one in the Village with her could compete
No reverend Divine but she puzzled complete

Her paragraphs own were readier than his
Which he would grant willingly with emphasis
"A favorite daughter and most petted wife
Had been her privilege in the outer life
Sparkling proud and ruling the Shakeride
Her sire's and husband's visions brought her inside
"Whence she to her faith was as true as the sun
That on the carved dial its periods run
As fine as fine silk and as clear as white snow
Would aid the description on her you'd bestow
"The blackest of tresses and eyes of the same
The blush of the peach with her active thoughts came
The tenderest conscience in pray'r manifest
Invoking God's blessing on her school to rest
"And now of the children Mathew enquired"
(His own leading off heroic inspired)
"Got plenty to eat" "yea yea" "from large to small"
"Whipp'd more than deserved" "any may whipp'd not at all"
"The scholars recite attainments admired
By the committee who said they desired
As evidence further of th children welfare
As profitable training and anxious care"
"My boys are now stoning windows I'm no doubt"
"Said one of the committee turning about"
"I would gladly have them in such happy school
Where love is instructor above the ferule"
"Now Mathew and company had started west

The younger Believers' families to test
The childrens kind faces seemed to beguile
And furnished them to pick walking the mile
" And when had this distance so pleasantly gone
They were promptly answer'd by every one
In favor of the gospel all made reply
Some 'fore they would give up their faith they would die
" Now evident mortification display'd
They were satisfied repeatedly said
Could not be persuaded further to proceed
And back to their horses themselves took the lead
" Then after explaining they mounted for flight
With their waiting comrades were soon out of sight
The sun's fiery heavens beginning to fade
And o'er the horizon night crowling in shade

" " "

" Erelong in the distance two horsemen were seen
In communication to, and each other lean
'Twas Francis Dunlavy the judge of the day
And Peter the Trustee the temporal stay
" 'Twas subsequently learn'd that the judge to acquire
Extent of the damages had a desire
And when the premises had viewed around
But slight depredations by the mob were found
" He was in the morning in this Village met
at an early hour
~~[illegible]~~ in saddle and wet
From dewy wild bushes his horse haunches swept

He came while the most unsuspiciously slept
"Across the near forest to hasten his speed
Lest movements of evil law his presence might need
Or plans premeditated to vengeance provoke
In action or in words uncivilly spoke
"The judge through the day looked firm at the work
& speedier his efforts at the magnetic light strike
& melted his thoughts illumined within
From energies such as our confidence win
"His calmness and power amidst fierce danger
To fear of th. wicked evinc'd him a stranger
The might of his presence awed as he went
And peace breakers learn'd what he said that he meant
"It seem'd that th. Sun courteous glanc'd on his neck
And that favoring breeze stood ready to check
The sweltering heat which prevailed that day
And no perspiration did his face portray
"As fair was his face as the swift sailing clouds
Blue were his keen eyes as the azure them shrouds
Brown his head of hair as the evil approach make
When the light zephers from the setting sun wake.
"And when on his horse trotting down the still'd street
Returning at dusk home and friends his to meet
It seem'd that a glory gleamed in the air
And reverberated his voice ev'ry where

" " "

"The exhorter mention'd was John Thompson proved

Over eighty years of age at Union Village over his home

Who called the people that passing him crowd
Enthusiastic was his way in his views
With look that he kindled undaunted pursued
"There were noted preachers on both sides the day ::
That Thompsons Church members did not him obey
A young David Spinning a minister bright
At Richards with the strangers cast in his might
"He happen'd to be there when the strangers came
True to his conviction took the Quaker name
Convinced by a miracle on Richards son
That came to his father in distressing run
"He felt coming on an accustomed fit
And ran in his father's embraced to sit
A row up to this time Richard had not believ'd
The strangers arguments nor their faith receiv'd
"And said with his look stern ly on his child
Which his deep interest the hour had beguil'd"
"If you have the Truth this suffering child heal
And I will believe and assist you with zeal"
"Said Richard to the strangers but they did not feel
That a gift of healing they had to reveal
Not a gift of miracles that they possess'd
And with downward look not a word was express'd
"Till Jennie † the mother said "Let us all Kneel"
When fully was answer'd the father's appeal

:: Sabbath March Twenty fourth 1805
† First cousin to Judge Francis Dunlavy

page 139 to Remark the hymn Unalowal
& Spiritual relation by R. H. for Annie
Johnnie & Thomas my Sister's funeral
hymn She belonged to Congregation
before Shakers came to Ohio & she
requested R. H. to compose a hymn
to be sung at her funeral which he
did & it the above Unalowa composed
another for same occasion for she was

a worthy & very highly esteemed
woman & Shaker Elder

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When turn'd every impulse in me to the right
And wafted my soul to the beautiful height"

Susanna's father he told Red to her long
His arguments were on the Shaker liefe strong
Told many incidents the brethren about
Who ne'er said or did what he ever could doubt
As deviating from the faith that they preach'd
Which gift of salvation they to others reach'd
And one of these men, nie related of old
Susanna the tells of a hard winter cold

(E. Young)
"Richard Mc Nemar Issachar (Bolié) Benjamin,
The warmest apparel they had wrapped in
Provision in Knapsack to last them the route—
Their boles fied trust when they started out
January sixteenth eighteen hundred nine
Through the wilderness unfrequented to twine
Their feet in untrodden path to Busseron
That lay near the Wabash's boarde waving flow
"Richard tall athletic discerning and fair
In stature erect had wiry coal black hair
And his clear blue eye it seemed had a look
As though from sublimity radience took
His features and mein were commanding in mold
In service for right was unswervingly bold
Yet more was his genius for outwitting sway
And thus gain his viet, nie in peaceable way
"But Benjamin Young had the charms of a Queen
Such as in poetical lines we have seen

Illumined in splendore of genius and wit
But mostly to dazzle that seemed to sit
Flow'd sweetly his words as the organ ile notes
Mild kindled his face as the fair beam that floats
Ile lengthening ray the quivering aspe through
Bringing things of the past in sperring to view
"In form and in feature shar'd nature's best art
And college and study refined his heart
Because of his delicate beauty was wife
That he was a woman and Issachar's wife
By wicked oppressers as hard in demand
As Coventry's Earl called rough as Esau's hand'
His cuff, rings akin to Godevake so true
For good of the people his cuff, rings were too
"Now from Union Village the brethren wended
To Busserve on their journey intended
To meet there gospel freends in Union and love
And feast on the treasures that come from above
Soon after departure there came sudden thaw
{ thaw
O'er rivers and their branches made dang'rous
Most near seventy miles in their explore
In the howling wilderness yet them before
"And rain it set in and the waters o'erflow'd
Beyond what in years to the trav'ler had show'd
And no track of man no track of beast they saw
But rain from the cloud and below them the thaw
Floating ice mov'd along in troublesome fleet
Annoying the passage of their picking feet
While the rain with the wind came in blending sheet
And drenching their clothing in their faces meet

While Richard from the house top his poetry served
"And entered the yard taking seat on the sod
The mob till the street neither man nor boy trod
And for two full hours his verse melliflued
Like a flowing stream unbebreeched in tide
"The glaring crowd holding in admiration
Vented in their souls dwell more toleration
(The young man* was strolling in the woods meantime
And turned to his home at the evening's bell chime)
"Then grew in attention as though in a trance
That swollen assemblage excepting their glance
No more thought displayed of the boy being found
Ere night peaceably all departed the ground
"The son was of age and could act his own way
But still was persuaded to go and to stay
Awhile with his parents and was taken there
With wishes his returning presence to share
"I was young Susanna when those things were
And the most that I tell you I've only heard

" " "

"The elders new barn November was fired
Ere the last rays of the sun had expired
On Sabbath evening year eighteen hundred eight
When were little girls playing out of doors late

* Johnathan Davis

"One * raisd a loud scream to her father she ran
"Go quickly" she said and Shoot Bob — with a gun
You can overtake him I now can discern"
"The direction pointing with her finger in turn"
"The Mistress barn he had kindled to burn"
"And how came you this" said the father "to learn"
"I saw him I saw him it is burning now"
"And over and over she did this avow
"And urged her father to hurry out there
And tell all the people what she did declare
Amongst fearing 'twas frenzy that on her brow glowed
Obey her petition he felt that he should
"The distance was short and next morning he went
To keep her at home and her story prevent
From being rumord through the wal but seven
(To mind them evening she'd seem himself even
"When hundreds of miles the wild journey did stretch
And the very baggage he would to them fetch
When it was believed that he had been Killd
From various reports his fame ly's ears filld
"And to whom he opend the gate of his home
She flew to the door screaming "father it come"
'Twas late in the evening raining and dark
The dim curtaind window only guiding mark
"Her mother reprovd her she could not keep still
With excited voice did the little man thrill
* Loretta Hunt the oldest daughter of Thomas Hunt and Sally Barns

He knocked at the door heard Loretta cry
Then turned to another entrance to try
(Appeared in their midst the wife fainting fell
Of the coming Polly next morning could tell)
"Ere there he arrived the tidings he heard
Of the fire and of the losses incurd
The fire broke out at the time he's child scream'd
But whom the incendiary none had deem'd
"The barn was consumed with all the produce
That it contained for the families use
The flax seed for seed they had barrel'd away
And the grain for their bread and all of their hay
"And farming utensils were stowed therein
Which the following harvest made slower to win
"Only had left them meat beans and corn to eat
For breakfast dinner supper same fare meet meet
Their drink was bean praire or else twas sage tea
Or any herb that might with their taste agree
"An outlaw was living then several miles off
On the Shakers preaching contempt, usurlo scoff
And on innovations for vicious intent
His nature perverted failed not to invent
"Unjust machinations to cruelly lent
Like a dreaded serpent unchecked he went
That darts down its hole if suspicion it fears
When all becomes quiet back querling appears
"Dark Rest perpetrations were laid to his charge
Yet he was not captur'd but wander'd at large

"The day of the fire in the woods he was seen
Twigs breaking of bushes in thicket ravene
By neighboring boys who were trav'ling the road
He was planning wickedness then they forebode

"A teamster and pass'by saw him on a stump
When raised the legal blazes and sounded the trump

"That was a frame barn and the largest in name
For many miles 'round then envelopid in flame
The timber for all its construction was brought
And drawn by steers oxen in saw logs were brought

"A farmer was father * and the brethren taught
'Twere best their sound new wit cut down be brought
The sills for the houses that they builded new
And all needed timber on others land grew

"But they had their brick yards and made finest brick
And kilns for their burning were reard true and quick
Had good potter shop and their own dishes made
And packed for sale heavy wagon loads weighed

"Loretta had never before heard the name
Her father ignorant as she of the same
That she called in full when the fire began
And to her young father in breathless haste ran

"They having but latterly moved so near
To easier get to the meetings to hear
And see the good Elders whom they did revere
Receiving their counsels and strengthening cheer

* Father David Darrow the first minister in the Society

"On Wednesday fifteenth of the same month appear'd
A whole day so dark that was some people scar'd
The children in the school all closed their books
With eyes on their teacher to see how she looks
"Impossible nearly to read at noon day
Without tallow candle or some lighted ray
The poultry came in and went up to their roost
The gearing from the horses their drivers loos'd

" " "

"'Twas January third eighteen hundred nine
That when on a mission believed divine
Was started a brother to New Lebanon
On fleetest horse mounted at earliest dawn
"Dispatch'd with ten volumes of the new book bound
To see if the doctrine in them be brought around
Of Benjamin S Young's Shaker book printed
Wich "Testimony" to there be commented
The brethren and sisters around closely drew
To bid the commissioned one kind adieu
"Remarkable signs in the heavens display'd
The morning before on this mission array'd
The full Moon encompass'd by a great circle
Was recon'd an omen to something foretell
"With the flaming cross it bright intersected
Retaining its glow till all had inspected
And brought a conviction to opposers some
That "their (Shakers') ressurrection it may be will come"

" " "

Richard McNemar whom he accuses of having so powerful an influence over the people that he controles them in spite of themselves &c We find two loose single printed leaves being a part of some publication And here we read

"It is due to the memory of (Col.) James Smith to say that he was a respectable member of civil society a zealous Protestant and stood in a high rank among the several Sectarians He was originally a Presbyterian and was an elder of the Church but becoming a subject of the Kentucky Revival he adopted the New-light doctrine and was a preacher of the same when the gospel opened in the West For some time he followed with us (though not as a real disciple) but finally turned against" +++ ++

James Smith Jr. when he first heard the testimony opened by the eastern brethren believed it was the truth but fought it in his heart because of his love for his wife and children until at length he when he was riding home from a New-light meeting where the Shakers had borne their testimony and he trying to resist in his mind the conviction of their testimony became wickeder and wickeder as he rode through the dark woods in the night until at last he became so blasphemous

as to say out loud "If I would not join those Makers I would not give up Polly and the Children to sit on the right hand of God" He reached his home about one oclock and soon went to bed He laid late the next morning and when he arose and came out into the day light for his breakfast his wife burst out in a pitteiful cry at the sight of him and then the Children for his head was leprous in regular round spots about the size of a dollar all over his hair His Polly had always particularly admired his head of hair and compared it to Absalems when he saw himself in the glass He said "This is the judgement of God on me Polly and all for your sake and the Children" And then told her of his faith and his trying to resist it and all his story, and ending "And now I must join those Makers will you go with me" But she had not received the faith and could not make the sacrifice At length by mutual agreement they divided the Children he taking the two oldest sons and she the two youngest and what they had of some and earthly substance, Somelived to eighty five or six and when a corpse the while spots still showed they being whiter than his other hair that had turned white by age